

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

STATUTORY REVIEW OF THE SYSTEM
FOR REGULATING RATES AND CLASSES
FOR MARKET DOMINANT PRODUCTS

Docket No. RM2017-3

**MOTION OF THE NATIONAL POSTAL POLICY COUNCIL,
THE MAJOR MAILERS ASSOCIATION, AND THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRESORT MAILERS
FOR ACCESS TO NONPUBLIC DOCUMENT**

(March 21, 2018)

The National Postal Policy Council (“NPPC”), the Major Mailers Association (“MMA”), and the National Association of Presort Mailers (“NAPM”), collectively, the “First-Class Business Mailers,” hereby respectfully request, pursuant to 39 C.F.R. §§ 3001.21 and 3007.40, access to the further nonpublic materials – filed on March 16, 2018 -- related to the nonpublic version of Appendix A to the Postal Service’s March 1 Comments in this docket.

The Postal Service has authorized us to state that it does not object to this motion.

In Order No. 4433, the Commission granted a motion by the First-Class Business Mailers for access to the nonpublic version of Appendix A to the Postal Service’s comments filed on March 1, 2018, in RM2017-3. On March 15, in response to a motion by ANM *et al.*, the Postal Service stated that it was filing certain additional material related to the nonpublic Appendix A. It filed that the March 16 documents “identify the data and the quantitative assumptions underlying the financial forecasts reflected in Appendix A.”

The Postal Service further stated that it “is amenable to having the Commission make that information available under protective condition to those party representatives to whom the Commission has already granted access to the non-public version of Appendix A.”

The Postal Service uses Appendix A to support its claim that it needs to raise rates by more than would be allowed under either the current system of regulation under 39 U.S.C. §3622 or under the proposed alternative system set forth in Order No. 4258. *Initial Comments of the USPS in Response to Order No. 4258* (March 1, 2018). Its alleged need for above-CPI rate increases for market dominant mail is a central issue in this proceeding. The March 16 materials should help understand the data and assumptions underlying Appendix A.

Accordingly, the undersigned parties request that the Commission authorize the following three individuals to review the nonpublic versions of the materials filed by the Postal Service on March 16 relating to Appendix A:

Lawrence G. Buc, President, SLS Consulting, Inc.

Stuart Elliot, Vice President, SLS Consulting, Inc.

William B. Baker, Partner, Potomac Law Group, PLLC

These three proposed reviewing representatives satisfy the restrictions on access requested by the Postal Service in section (6) of its March 20, 2017 application for nonpublic treatment of an earlier version of the appendix. None of these individuals are “involved in competitive decision-making in the market for parcel and expedited services.” None are involved in representing postal labor organizations or other suppliers to the Postal Service. Attached are executed

declarations by the four individuals committing to their compliance with the terms of the protective conditions previously established by the Commission to limit the disclosure and use of the sealed material.

For the foregoing reasons, the First-Class Business Mailers respectfully request access to the nonpublic materials described herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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Statement of Compliance with Protective Conditions

This Statement of Compliance concerns the nonpublic versions of documents filed on March 16, 2018, related to Appendix A to the March 1, 2018 comments of the United States documents filed on March 16, 2018, related to Appendix A to the comments filed by the United States Postal Service (“USPS” or “Postal Service”) on March 1, 2018, in Commission Docket No. RM2017-3. The Postal Service has requested confidential treatment of the materials (hereinafter “these Materials”).

The following protective conditions limit access to these Materials. Each person seeking to obtain access to these Materials must agree to comply with these conditions, complete the attached certifications, and provide the completed certifications to the Commission and counsel for the Postal Service.

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6. These conditions shall apply to any revised, amended, or supplemental versions of these Materials provided in the matters identified as Docket No. RM2017-3, Statutory Review of the System for Regulating Rates and Classes for Market Dominant Products.
7. The duty of nondisclosure of each person obtaining access to these Materials is continuing, terminable only by specific order of the Commission, or as specified in paragraphs 9 and 10, below.
8. Each person granted access to these Materials consents to these or such other conditions as the Commission may approve.
9. Any written materials that quote or contain Materials protected under these protective conditions are also covered by the same protective conditions and certification requirements, and shall be filed with the Commission only under seal. Documents submitted to the Commission as confidential shall remain sealed while in the Secretary's office or such other place as the Commission may designate so long as they retain their status as stamped confidential documents.
10. If a court or other administrative agency subpoenas or orders production of confidential information which a person has obtained under the terms of this protective order, the target of the subpoena or order shall promptly (within 2 business days) notify the Postal Service of the pendency of the subpoena or order to allow it time to object to that production or seek a protective order.

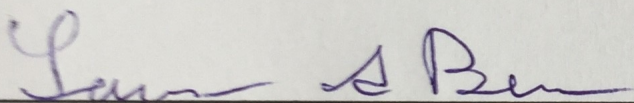
CERTIFICATION

The undersigned represents that:

Access to the nonpublic versions of documents filed on March 16, 2018, related to Appendix A to the March 1, 2018 comments of the United States Postal Service in Docket No. RM2017-3, Statutory Review of the System for Regulating Rates and Classes for Market Dominant Products, has been authorized by the Commission.

The cover or label of the copy obtained is marked with my name. I agree to use the information only for purposes of analyzing matters at issue in the matter identified as Docket No. RM2017-3, Statutory Review of the System for Regulating Rates and Classes for Market Dominant Products. I certify that I have read and understand the above protective conditions and am eligible to receive access to materials under paragraph 1 of the protective conditions. I further agree to comply with all protective conditions and will maintain these Materials in strict confidence in accordance with all of the protective conditions set out above.

Signature:



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Title: President

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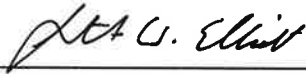
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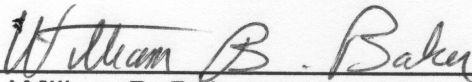
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Signature:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "William B. Baker", is written over a horizontal line.

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